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CLAIMS

1. A method of manufacturing a transfer for the subsequent application of an image to a substrate, the
5 method comprising the steps of
 - (a) applying said image to a carrier sheet of the transfer; and
 - (b) applying a cover coat of the transfer over at least that area of the carrier sheet to which the image
10 has been applied, thereby to provide said transfer, characterised in that the image and/or the cover coat is applied using an ink jet printer.
2. A method according to claim 1, wherein the ink jet
15 printer is a drop on demand printer.
3. A method according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the image is applied using a first ink jet printer having a nozzle orifice of between 125 and 500 μm and being
20 operated at a frequency of greater than 1kHz.
4. A method according to claim 3, wherein the first drop on demand ink jet printer is operated at a frequency of between 2 and 4 kHz.
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5. A method according to any of claims 3 to 4, wherein the first drop on demand ink jet printer is operated at a pressure of approximately 3 Bar.
- 30 6. A method according to any of claims 3 to 5, wherein

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the material deposited to form the image has a viscosity of less than 250 cp.

5 7. A method according to claim 6, wherein the material deposited to form the image has a viscosity of less than 125 cp.

10 8. A method according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the cover coat is applied using a second ink jet printer having a nozzle orifice of between 125 and 500 μm and being operated at a frequency of greater than 200 Hz.

15 9. A method according to claim 8, wherein the second drop on demand ink jet printer is operated at a frequency of between 600 and 2000 Hz.

20 10. A method according to any of claims 8 or 9, wherein the second drop on demand ink jet printer is operated at a pressure of approximately 3 Bar.

11. A method according to any of claims 8 to 10, wherein the material deposited to form the image has a viscosity of less than 300 cp.

25 12. A method according to claim 11, wherein the material deposited to form the image has a viscosity of less than 200 cp.

30 13. A method according to claim 1, wherein the cover coat is applied using an ink jet printer.

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14. A method according to claim 13, wherein the ink jet printer is a drop on demand printer.

5 15. A method according to claim 14, wherein the drop on demand ink jet printer is operated at a frequency of between 600 and 2000 Hz.

10 16. A method according to any of claims 14 or 15, wherein the drop on demand ink jet printer is operated at a pressure of approximately 3 Bar.

15 17. A method according to any of claims 14 to 16, wherein the material deposited to form the image has a viscosity of less than 300 cp.

18. A method according to claim 17, wherein the material deposited to form the image has a viscosity of less than 200 cp.

20 19 An ink jet printer configured to perform the method of any preceding claim.